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REMARKS

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1. Between 11:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on 16 October 1951, aircraft observed at Dessau airfield included 26 ground attack planes parked north of the taxiway, east of the flight control building, 4 biplanes adjacent to the east, and 9 ground attack aircraft south of the taxiway. Two additional ground attack planes each practiced take-offs, and landings, and flew individually. All ground attack aircraft had a crew of two, one of whom was seen sitting facing the rear in the cockpit which had a machine gun pointing aft. All planes had white-tipped rudder as emblems. One of the two planes which were flying had a white 63 on its fuselage behind the wings and the other had three white vertical stripes. The white number 83 was observed on the plane parked farthest to the west. Two trucks, a tank truck, an ambulance, and a fire truck were parked at the take-off point. A radio truck with an extended antenna was observed between the runway and Klein-Kuchnau. No aircraft were parked in the woods west of the field where some old forest paths, partially covered with German aircraft wrecks, were observed. Boxes each 1.3 x 1 x 0.8 meters were piled up in the northeastern corner of the field. They were covered with tarpaulins and guarded by sentries.

2. At 4 p.m. on 10 October, 52 ground attack planes were parked at the field. There was no flying.

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3. At 5:25 p.m. on 7 October, a total of 50 ground attack aircraft,

were parked at the field. A large radio installation was still located in the vicinity of the parked aircraft. Five biplanes were observed in front of the hangars.

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4. At 5:25 p.m. on 12 October, 50 ground attack planes were parked at the field and an additional 5 biplanes on its eastern edge. were identified on 13 ground attack aircraft. The large radio installation was still at its previous location. There was no flying.

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An additional installation with two rod antennas was constructed at the field during the period of observation. Next to

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this installation there was a wind sock. A powerful lamp was observed at the lower third of the mast of the large radio installation.

6. There was no flying at the field at 5:30 p.m. on 19 October. Fifty ground attack aircraft, [REDACTED] and 49 were still parked at the field. Soldiers were working on some of the planes. The two radio installations were still located at the field. [REDACTED]

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